

# Notice of Meeting

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# Executive

**Thursday 12 February 2026 at 6.00 pm**

**in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury**

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Date of despatch of Agenda: Wednesday 4 February 2026

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## Agenda - Executive to be held on Thursday 12 February 2026 (continued)

<b>To:</b>	Councillors Jeff Brooks (Chairman), Patrick Clark, Heather Codling (Vice-Chairman), Iain Cottingham, Nigel Foot, Denise Gaines, Stuart Gourley, Tom McCann, Justin Pemberton and Vicky Poole
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# Agenda

## Part I

	<b>Pages</b>
1. <b>Apologies for Absence</b> To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	5 - 6
2. <b>Minutes</b> To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 18 December 2025 and 29 January 2026.	7 - 16
3. <b>Declarations of Interest</b> To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' <a href="#">Code of Conduct</a> .	17 - 18
4. <b>Public Questions</b> Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.	19 - 20
5. <b>Petitions</b> Councillors or Members of the public may present any petition which they have received. These will normally be referred to the appropriate Committee without discussion.	21 - 22

## Items as timetabled in the Forward Plan

	<b>Pages</b>
6. <b>Medium- Term Financial Strategy: Financial Years 2026-2030 (C4678)</b> Purpose: to determine financial planning assumptions for future years and align these with the Council Strategy to ensure that strategic objectives are delivered.	23 - 46
7. <b>Treasury Management: Investment and Borrowing Strategy (C4679)</b> Purpose: to consolidate the investment and borrowing strategy for the year ahead by detailing how and where the Council will invest and borrow in the forthcoming year, within a particular framework. The strategy is monitored throughout the year, with a mid-year report going to the Governance Committee as well as an annual report being presented to Members.	47 - 74



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8. **Capital Strategy and Supporting Programme: Financial Years 2026/27 - 2029/30 (C4681)** 75 - 106  
Purpose: to outline the Capital Strategy period and the supporting funding framework, providing a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.
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9. **Financial Year 2026/27: Revenue Budget (C4680)** 107 - 330  
Purpose: the budget acts as an indicator that the Council has set aside sufficient financial resources to achieve its objectives and to ensure that Council Tax bills can be issued to residents across the district prior to the start of the new financial year. This report details the budget proposals for financial year 2026/27 and supporting Council Tax proposals and resolutions.
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10. **2025/26 Q3 Financial Performance Report (EX4676)** 331 - 342  
Purpose: to report the financial performance of the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets following the Q3 2025/26 outturn. The report details variances between the 2025/26 Budget (set in February 2025) and the current forecast for the financial year end position. This allows the Executive to consider the authority's current financial position
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11. **Contract for Award Under Delegated Authority from Executive (EX4751)** 343 - 348  
Purpose: to provide details of forthcoming supply, service and works contract awards that will have a contract value in excess of £2.5m and as such will require approval from Executive during the next quarter.
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12. **2025/26 Performance Report Q2 (EX4710)** 349 - 402  
Purpose: to provide assurance that the priority areas in the Council Strategy 2023-2027 were being managed effectively as at the end of September 2025, and where performance had fallen below the expected level, present information on the remedial action taken and the impact of that action.
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13. **Expansion, remodelling and development of the SEND (McKee) Resource Unit (Phase 1) at Westwood Farm Schools Federation (EX4766)** 403 - 426  
Purpose: to seek approval for the expansion and remodelling of the McKee Resource Unit at Westwood Farm Schools Federation, increasing its capacity from 12 to 18 places and extending provision to Key Stage 2.
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14. **Members' Questions** 427 - 428  
Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.
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Executive Director: -Resources

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